

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title on page 1 as follows:

Implantable Article for Treatment of Urinary Incontinence

Please replace paragraph [0001] on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present application claims priority of U.S. Application ~~serial~~ Serial No. 09/917,562, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,652,450, filed July 21, 2001, whose contents are fully incorporated herein by reference; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/263,472, filed January 23, 2001; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/269,829, filed February 20, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/281,350, filed April 4, 2001; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/295,068, filed June 1, 2001, and ~~Provisional Attorney Docket No. AMS-002~~ U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/306,915, filed July 20, 2001, ~~each of whose contents are fully incorporated herein by reference.~~—

Please replace paragraph [0108] on page 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In a preferred embodiment, the mesh material of the sling 42 comprises a flexible, polypropylene monofilament that resists weakening or degradation when implanted within a patient. One such material is MarlexTM material. Other mesh and non-mesh materials, including, but not limited to, synthetic biomaterials, allografts, homografts, heterografts, autologous tissues, materials disclosed in U.S. Provisional Applications S/N 60/263,472, S/N 60/281,350, and S/N 60/295,068, ~~whose contents are fully incorporated herein by reference~~, synthetic materials (such as metallics, polymeric, and plastics) and any combination of such materials may also be used with the device of the present invention. Specific examples of synthetic sling materials include, but are not limited to polypropylene, polyethylene, nylon, PLLA and PGA. Preferably, the sling material should cause minimal to no reaction with

body tissues and fluids and indefinitely retain its particular material characteristics/properties.

Further, portions or all of the sling 42 may be configured or fabricated from a material to either promote or prevent tissue in-growth, or are resorbable to accomplish the desired purpose.—